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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2005676631 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 16363800  
TITLE: Ionization of zwitterionic amine substrates bound to monomeric sarcosine oxidase.  
AUTHOR: Zhao Gouhua; Jorns Marilyn Schuman  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102, USA.  
CONTRACT NUMBER: GM 31704 (NIGMS)  
SOURCE: Biochemistry, (2005 Dec 27) Vol. 44, No. 51, pp. 16866-74. Journal code: 0370623. ISSN: 0006-2960.

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AB Monomeric sarcosine oxidase (MSOX) binds the L-proline zwitterion ( $pK_a = 10.6$ ). The reactive substrate anion is generated by ionization of the ES complex ( $pK_a = 8.0$ ). Tyr317 was mutated to Phe to determine whether this step might involve proton transfer to an active site base. The mutation does not eliminate the ionizable group in the ES complex ( $pK_a = 8.9$ ) but does cause a 20-fold decrease in the maximum rate of the reductive half-reaction. Kinetically determined  $K_d$  values for the ES complex formed with L-proline agree with results obtained in spectral titrations with the wild-type or mutant enzyme. Unlike the wild-type enzyme,  $K_d$  values with the mutant enzyme are pH-dependent, suggesting that the mutation has perturbed the  $pK_a$  of a group that affects the  $K_d$ . As compared with the wild-type enzyme, an increase in charge transfer band energy is observed for mutant enzyme complexes with substrate analogues while a 10-fold decrease in the charge transfer band extinction coefficient is found for the complex with the L-proline anion. The results eliminate Tyr317 as a possible acceptor of the proton released upon substrate ionization. Since previous studies rule out the only other nearby base, we conclude that L-proline is the ionizable group in the ES complex and that amino acids are activated for oxidation upon binding to MSOX by stabilization of the reactive substrate anion. Tyr317 may play a role in substrate activation and optimizing binding, as judged by the effects of its mutation on the observed  $pK_a$ , reaction rates, and charge transfer bands.

L1 ANSWER 2 OF 10 MEDLINE on STN  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002398214 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PubMed ID: 12146941  
TITLE: Monomeric sarcosine oxidase: role of histidine 269 in catalysis.  
AUTHOR: Zhao Gouhua; Song Hui; Chen Zhi-Wei; Mathews F Scott; Jorns Marilyn Schuman  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Biochemistry, MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA 19129, USA.  
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AB Conservative mutation of His269 (to Asn, Ala, or Gln) does not-significantly affect the expression of monomeric sarcosine oxidase (MSOX), covalent flavinylation, the physicochemical properties of bound FAD, or the overall protein structure. Turnover with sarcosine and the limiting rate of the reductive half-reaction with L-proline at pH 8.0 are, however, nearly 2 orders of magnitude slower than that with wild-type MSOX. The crystal structure of the His269Asn complex with pyrrole-2-carboxylate shows that the pyrrole ring of the inhibitor is displaced as compared with wild-type MSOX. The His269

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L1 ANSWER 3 OF 10 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT (c) 2006 The Thomson Corporation on STN  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2006:188047 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200600182129  
TITLE: Ionization of zwitterionic amine substrates bound to monomeric sarcosine oxidase.  
AUTHOR(S): Zhao, Gouhua; Jorns, Marilyn Schuman [Reprint Author]  
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L1 ANSWER 4 OF 10 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT (c) 2006 The Thomson Corporation on STN  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:489027 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200200489027  
TITLE: Monomeric sarcosine oxidase: Role of histidine 269 in catalysis.  
AUTHOR(S): Zhao, Gouhua; Song, Hui; Chen, Zhi-wei; Mathews, F. Scott;

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2005:1257631 CAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 144:65851

TITLE: Ionization of Zwitterionic Amine Substrates Bound to Monomeric Sarcosine Oxidase

AUTHOR(S): Zhao, Gouhua; Schuman Jorns, Marilyn

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology,  
Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia,  
PA, 19102, USA

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enzyme complexes with substrate analogs while a 10-fold decrease in the charge transfer band extinction coefficient is found for the complex with the L-proline anion. The results eliminate Tyr317 as a possible acceptor of the proton released upon substrate ionization. Since previous studies rule out the only other nearby base, we conclude that L-proline is the ionizable group in the ES complex and that amino acids are activated for oxidation upon binding to MSOX by stabilization of the reactive substrate anion. Tyr317 may play a role in substrate activation and optimizing binding, as judged by the effects of its mutation on the observed pKa, reaction rates, and charge transfer bands.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:430956 CAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 141:3265

TITLE: Engineered sarcosine oxidase mutant with improved stability and less reactive to proline, as creatine assay reagent

INVENTOR(S): Kishimoto, Takahide; Sogabe, Atsushi; Oka, Masanori

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Toyo Boseki Kabushiki Kaisha, Japan

SOURCE: PCT Int. Appl., 54 pp.

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AB Modified sarcosine oxidase having improved stability in the liquid state compared with the unmodified one and/or having a lowered activity on L-proline compared with the unmodified one and having an excellent substrate specificity without losing the sarcosine oxidase activity, and use as creatine assay reagent, are disclosed. A process for producing sarcosine oxidase which comprises culturing a microorganism capable of producing sarcosine oxidase and collecting the sarcosine oxidase from the culture medium; is also claimed. Such modified sarcosine oxidase have at

least one of the following characteristics, i.e., an activity on L-proline being 0.7% or less based on sarcosine and a Km value to L-proline being 150 mM or more, when measured at 37° and pH 8.0;. A mutant of Arthrobacter strain TE1826 sarcosine oxidase was prepared by substituting various residues to reduce its reactivity to Pro, which causes errors during the determination of creatine or creatine in body fluid. The Pro reactivity of the mutants was reduced by >70%.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:523961 CAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 137:212826

TITLE: Monomeric Sarcosine Oxidase: Role of Histidine 269 in Catalysis

AUTHOR(S): Zhao, Gouhua; Song, Hui; Chen, Zhi-wei; Mathews, F. Scott; Schuman Jorns, Marilyn

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Biochemistry, MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, 19129, USA

SOURCE: Biochemistry (2002), 41(31), 9751-9764

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:613512 CAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 129:241780

TITLE: Preparation of sarcosine oxidase mutant less reactive to proline

INVENTOR(S): Nishiya, Yoshiaki; Kawamura, Yoshiharu

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Toyobo Co., Ltd., Japan

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AB A sarcosine oxidase mutant is prepared from the sarcosine oxidase of *Arthrobacter* strain TE1826 by substituting 345-Phe with Ala, Gly, Val, or Ile to reduce its reactivity to Pro, which causes errors during the determination of creatine or creatinine in body fluid. The mutant enzyme exhibits a pH optimum 7.5-8.5, temperature optimum 40-50°, and mol. weight 43 kDa by SDS-PAGE. The Pro reactivity of the mutants is reduced by >70%. Claimed is a creatine/creatinine assay reagent composition comprised of the sarcosine oxidase mutant and other reagents.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2006001834 EMBASE

TITLE: Ionization of zwitterionic amine substrates bound to monomeric sarcosine oxidase.

AUTHOR: Zhao G.; Jorns M.S.

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AB Conservative mutation of His269 (to Asn, Ala, or Gln) does not-significantly affect the expression of monomeric sarcosine oxidase (MSOX), covalent flavinylation, the physicochemical properties of bound FAD, or the overall protein structure. Turnover with sarcosine and the limiting rate of the reductive half-reaction with L-proline at pH 8.0 are, however, nearly 2 orders of magnitude slower than that with wild-type MSOX. The crystal structure of the His269Asn complex with pyrrole-2-carboxylate shows that the pyrrole ring of the inhibitor is displaced as compared with wild-type MSOX. The His269 mutants all form charge-transfer complexes with pyrrole-2-carboxylate or methylthioacetate, but the charge-transfer bands are shifted to shorter wavelengths (higher energy) as compared with wild-type MSOX. Both wild-type MSOX and the His269Asn mutant bind the zwitterionic form of L-proline. The E(ox).ovrhdot.L-proline complex formed with the His269Asn mutant or wild-type MSOX contains an ionizable group (pK(a) = 8.0) that is required for conversion of the zwitterionic L-proline to the reactive anionic form, indicating that His269 is not the active-site base. We propose that the change in ligand orientation observed upon mutation of His269 results in a less than optimal overlap of the highest occupied orbital of the ligand with the lowest unoccupied orbital of the flavin. The postulated effect on orbital overlap may account for the increased energy of charge-transfer bands and the slower rates of electron transfer observed for mutant enzyme complexes with charge-transfer ligands and substrates, respectively.